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In re application of:) Examiner: D. SHAH
R. ABOVITZ, et al.)
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AMENDMENT B

Assistant Commissioner
For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This document is responsive to the communication issued December 4, 2002.

This Amendment is formatted pursuant to the revised Amendment format described in Deputy Commissioner Kunin's Notice of January 31, 2003.

This Amendment places the claims in which the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter in independent form, amends the claims to cure the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issues noted by the Examiner, and amends claim 30 to be more like allowable claim 2.

This Amendment includes no amendments to the specification.

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